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## Indiana Department of Correction Honored with Pro Patria Award

Indianapolis, Indiana (November 19, 2009) – The Indiana Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Committee presented the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) with the highest state-level award given to a civilian employer by the U.S. Department of Defense, the Pro Patria Award.

On Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2009, IDOC Executive Director of Staff Development Emergency Operations Richard Curry received the award from Major General R. Martin Umbarger, The Adjutant General of the Indiana National Guard. Curry accepted the award on behalf of IDOC Commissioner Edwin G. Buss.

The ESGR Committee presents the Pro Patria Award each year to the one employer in Indiana who has demonstrated exceptional support for U.S. national defense through leadership practices and personnel policies that support their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.



On October 26, 2009, Commissioner Buss (far left) honors Deputy Commissioner of Operations Mike Osburn (one from right) for his service to the country and the IDOC as he prepares for deployment to Afghanistan.

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